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SUBJECT: KHADDAM TRAVEL TO UNGA

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY ADVISED SEPT 27 THAT KHADDAM NOW PLANNING ARRIVE NEW YORK SATURDAY OCT 2 VIA TWA 803 FROM PARIS. PRIVATE SECRETARY WARNED, HOWEVER, OF "TEN PERCENT CHANCE" KHADDAM WILL NOT BE ABLE DEPART DAMASCUS AS SCHEDULED SEP 30 FOR MEETINGS IN PARIS. IN SUCH CASE FONMIN WILL HAVE TO DELAY ARRIVAL NEW YORK UNTIL MONDAY OCTOBER 4 IN ORDER COMPLETE MEETINGS WITH FRENCH GOVT. WILL ADVISE ASAP IF THIS DEVELOPS.
2. PLEASE ASSURE SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE MINISTER'S REQUEST REFTEL. YESTERDAY'S PALESTINIAN ATTACK ON DAMASCUS HOTEL BY GROUP IDENTIFIED AS AFFILIATED WITH FATAH ONLY ACCENTUATES THIS NEED.
3. COMMENT. WE ASSUME THAT POSSIBLE DELAY IN DEPARTING SYRIA RELATES TO DISCUSSIONS STILL REPORTEDLY UNDERWAY FOR RESCHEDULING MINI-SUMMIT IN SAUDI ARABIA.
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